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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session and implementation of the environment pillar in the context of General Assembly resolution 66/288

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 55/200 of 20 December 2000, 57/251 of 20 December 2002, 64/204 of 21 December 2009, 65/162 of 20 December 2010, 66/203 of 22 December 2011 and other previous resolutions relating to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Reaffirming the mandate contained in resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, which established the United Nations Environment Programme, and other relevant resolutions that reinforce its mandate, as well as the 1997 Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme of 7 February 1997[1] and the Malmö Ministerial Declaration of 31 May 2000,[2]

Recalling all previous resolutions relating to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1, annex.

[2] Ibid., *Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/55/25), annex I, decision SS.VI/1, annex.

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Taking into account Agenda 21[3] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),[4]

Reaffirming the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[5] and its principles,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[6]

Recalling also the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building,[7]

Committed to the strengthening of international environmental governance within the context of the institutional framework for sustainable development in order to promote a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development as well as coordination within the United Nations system,

Recalling the outcome document, entitled "The future we want",[8] of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held from 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in which the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives invited the General Assembly to adopt, at its sixty-seventh session, a resolution strengthening and upgrading the United Nations Environment Programme, in the manner outlined in paragraph 88, subparagraphs a to h, of the outcome document,

Recalling also that in its resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012 the General Assembly endorsed the outcome document, entitled "The future we want",[8] of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Reiterating the need for secure, stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and underlining the need to consider the adequate reflection of all the administrative and management costs of the Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget,

Reiterating also that capacity-building and technology support to developing countries in environment-related fields are important components of the work of the United Nations Environment Programme,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session and the decisions contained therein;[9]

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[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[5] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[6] Resolution 60/1.

[7] UNEP/GC.23/6/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

[8] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[9] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/67/25).

2. *Reiterates* the continuing need for the United Nations Environment Programme to conduct up-to-date, comprehensive, scientifically credible and policy-relevant global environment assessments, in close consultation with Member States, in order to support decision-making processes at all levels, takes note in this regard the fifth report in the Global Environment Outlook series and its related summary[10] for policymakers, and stresses the need to enhance the policy relevance of the Outlook by, inter alia, identifying policy options to speed up the achievement of the internationally agreed goals and to inform global and regional processes and meetings where progress towards the agreed goals are discussed;

3. *Also reiterates* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the United Nations Environment Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and to the other United Nations organizations and entities in Nairobi;

4. *Decides*:

(a) To strengthen and upgrade the United Nations Environment Programme in the manner set out in subparagraphs a to h of paragraph 88 of the outcome document, entitled "The future we want",[8] as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012;

(b) To establish universal membership at the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, and mandates it, at its first plenary session to be held in 2013, to implement the provisions of paragraph 88 (a to h);

(c) To request the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary steps to provide support for the full and effective participation of all developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that at least 2 per cent of the resources included in his proposed budget for the 2014-2015 biennium are allocated to the United Nations Environment Programme;

6. *Encourages* donors to increase voluntary funding to the United Nations Environment Programme;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Report of the Governing Body of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twenty-seventh session" for endorsement by the General Assembly.

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[10] United Nations Environment Programme, *Global Environmental Outlook 5: Environment for the Future We Want* (Nairobi, 2012).